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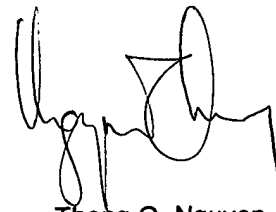
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1. The present Office action is made in response to the amendment (Paper No. 17) filed on 7/23/2002.
2. The reply filed on 7/23/2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the omission(s) or matter(s) as set forth below. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a). The present application was subjected to a restriction requirement (see Paper No. 7) of 8/7/2001. In response to the restriction requirement, applicant has elected the species as shown in figure 2. The claims directed to the elected figure 2 are examined in the Office action (Paper No. 11) of 1/29/02. In response to the Office action, applicant has filed an amendment in which the generic claim 16 is amended by adding new features. However, the new features are directed to the non-elected figure 1. Applicant is respectfully invited to review the new features added to last three lines of claims 16 with the structure/description of the species (a) provided in pages 6-7. As a result, such an addition of features of the non-elected species into the claim as set forth in the amendment made it as a non-responsive amendment/communication.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thong Q Nguyen whose telephone number is 703 308 4814. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cassandra Spyrou can be reached on 703 308 1687. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703 308 7724 for regular communications and 703 308 7724 for After Final communications. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703 308 0956.


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